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For : **ASSESSMENTS OF HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS-RELATED  
DISEASE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
**Box Patent Application**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-7 and add the following new claims.

8. A method of diagnosing risk of HPV-induced neoplasia by detecting HPV-induced cell transformation in a patient infected with HPV comprising the steps of:

- quantifying levels of at least two HPV mRNAs from a sample collected from said patient, wherein said mRNAs comprise a first mRNA selected from the group consisting of E6 mRNA and E7 mRNA and a second mRNA selected from the group consisting of E2 mRNA, L1 mRNA, and L2 mRNA; and

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